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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: October 22nd Open Meeting

October 14, 2009

Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance is committed to strengthen the business recruiting and retention efforts for parishes in our area. Investment in technology is critically important to businesses. I am concerned that the Federal Communications Commission may be adding network neutrality regulations to both the Internet and wireless industries which will have a negative affect on investment in our area.

Access to the latest technologies helps businesses run more smoothly and it also creates job growth. In today's economy these benefits are crucial to the growth of any region. Public policy should encourage investment and innovation in technology – not discourage it. Additional network neutrality regulations will harm investment and increase the cost of technology for consumers.

Thus far, competition in these markets has provided consumers and businesses with better prices, the latest technology and improved customer service. We should not place government regulations on businesses where it is not needed. The Internet and wireless industries have been successfully with just government oversight and that is how it should remain.

I hope you continue to support investment in technology which will benefit consumers in Southwest Louisiana and across the country. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

President, CEO
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